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The following is a QST

The Lambda Amateur Radio Club settles its discrimination complaint against the ARRL out of court, a Los Angeles suburb opens its heart to Amateur Radio and actor Marlon Brando says "yes" he is a ham radio operator. All this and more on Newsline report number 897 coming your way right now!

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LARC AND ARRL SETTLE DISCRIMINATION CLAIM

The American Radio Relay League and the Lambda Amateur Radio Club seem to have reached a resolution of LARC's discrimination complaint against the league. A complaint filed before the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities in March 1992.

By way of background, back in September of 1985, LARC submitted a classified advertisement for publication in the "Club and Hamfests" section of QST magazine. The ad read -- and we quote -- "the Lambda Net club for gay hams with members nationwide and Canada. On-air skeds and newsletter. For info write Jim, KK3K, at P.O.Box 24810, Philadelphia, PA 19130" -- end quote --.

The advertisement was published in the November, 1985 issue of QST, but was refused in subsequent issues. Lambda submitted the advertisement in 1987, 1989, and 1991. Each time QST refused it. As a result, Lambda filed the complaint before the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights. The complaint asserted that the sexual orientation of Lambda members was the reason for the refusal to publish the advertisement. Lambda also said that QST's refusal to publish the advertisement constituted discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The ARRL still disputes the allegations in the complaint but in February 1994, the Human Rights Commission found that -- and again we quote -- "reasonable cause for believing that a discriminatory practice had been committed."

The Commission then scheduled the case for a hearing but to date none was ever held. Instead, the ARRL and Lambda held a meeting at which time they reached what both term as a mutually acceptable solution to Lambda's discrimination complaint.

Both organizations say that the matter is now settled. They have also issued a joint statement that indicates that the ARRL and Lambda have resolved this situation in -- quote -- "a spirit of good will and mutual respect which will allow each organization to cooperate as they concentrate their efforts on the many challenges confronting ham radio today."

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MCI FRAUD

The U.S. Secret Service has broken a huge international telephone fraud ring allegedly involving an employee of MCI. Federal investigators have arrested Ivey J. Lay, of Charlotte, North Carolina. Lay is accused of stealing more than 100,000 telephone calling card numbers using a high tech approach. The ring is accused of running up more than \$50,000,000 worth of long distance calls.

This is one of the biggest fraud cases ever to hit the telecommunications industry. Ivey Lay's arrest and that of five alleged co-conspirators follows a 4 1/2 month investigation by the

Secret Service. Agents say the ring operated out of five U.S. cities and in Spain and Germany. Lay was a switch engineer for MCI and allegedly acted as the main supplier of stolen numbers. Authorities say ring members used a high tech method to steal calling card numbers. Instead of computer hacking or watching customers enter their numbers. Lay allegedly designed computer software to divert and hold calling card numbers from carriers running through MCI's telephone switching equipment. Those numbers were then sold to computer hackers in the U.S. and in Europe. The numbers' new owners then sold them to Europeans who would later use them to call numbers in the U.S. for free. On October 6th, Secret Service agents seized computer disks containing thousands of calling card numbers. MCI fired Lay immediately after his arrest. If convicted, he could serve 10 years in prison.

The ring had plenty of victims, tens of thousands of customers of MCI, AT&T, Sprint and other local companies had their numbers stolen. Officials with those companies say people whose numbers were stolen won't be charged for the fraudulent calls. The Secret Service says that among computer hackers Lay is known as "Nightshadow."

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TELEPHONES SUSCEPTIBLE TO RADIO INTERFERENCE

Talking about telephones, the FCC says it now receives 25,000 telephone interference complaints per year and ham radio is one of the primary culprits. According to a news release from the Field Operations Bureau this is the results found as a result of testing 241 residential telephones, selected from field office complaint files.

The study showed that 68% of the transmitting stations most likely involved in the interference complaints were citizens band, broadcast, and amateurs. Citizens band stations accounted for half the interference and broadcast and amateur stations accounted for the other half.

During the study, FCC investigators tested two telephone models claimed by their manufactures to be interference proof. In virtually all cases, replacement of the telephones receiving interference with the one of these two interference free models solved the problem. The addition of external filters provided satisfactory results in only one third of the cases.

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GLENDALE CALIFORNIA WANTS HAMS

The city of Glendale, California, a suburb of Los Angeles, is looking for ham radio operators and anyone else with specialized

skills that can be used in the aftermath of another serious earthquake. Gerald Shamburg of Glendale's Office of Emergency Services says that the city wants to establish a pool of volunteers that could help us handle any future situations.

Shamburg says that the idea is to keep much of the city's services going as is possible. This, through a cooperative effort involving the city, the fire and police departments, several relief organizations and a coalition known as Citizens for Law and Order.

Even before Mayor Eileen Givens and other officials helped launch the program about 20 people had signed up including several translators and a retired surgeon. Emergency Services Director Shamburg notes that if there is another large quake or other disaster, Glendale will need help with such things as shelter, care, communications and other disaster-related services.

"We need people that can provide translation services and licensed amateur radio operators to handle communications" says Shamburg adding: "People don't really need to have any emergency experience at all to volunteer."

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BRANDO A HAM

Actor Marlon Brando is a ham. For years it has been rumored that the academy award winner was also a licensed radio amateur, but it was not until Brando was interviewed by CNN's Larry King on October the 7th that the world knew for sure.

Brando said that he was an Amateur Radio operator and the thing he like most about the hobby was the anonymity that it offers. He also said that he was in the process of updating his license. The actor was very supportive of Amateur Radio but stopped short of revealing his own call sign.

Modern communications appears to be an important part of Brando's life. He told King that he sees the new international information superhighway as coming to us quickly. Brando adds that he is already a part of it through his participation in America Online, but not under his real name.

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ITAMSAT BACK ON

The ITAMSAT ham satellite has been switched on by ground command after forty days in hibernation. A full spacecraft check out was performed by the control team and IO-26 was in excellent shape. It's battery is fully charged and the critical parameters in nominal status. A couple of test software were also loaded and executed without any problem.

The reason for the long silence is due to the heavy workload of

the control team and a lightning that destroyed the main command station. The reload of the internal housekeeping computers code with improved capabilities is scheduled to celebrate the first year in orbit.

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WGN ON THE BIRD

For those of you who like to listen to WGN Radio from Chicago, you can hear it on Anik E1 Ch 2 at 5.22 Audio. Also, the World Radio Network can now be heard on Galaxy 5 Ch 6 6.8 Audio. This is a good audio service to get news from around the world. The net also carries Jonathan Marks, G8WGN's Media Network program from Radio Netherlands.

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SuperLink

If you live in the mid-western United States and are interested in working Canada on VHF FM please contact Paul Emeott, K0LAV. According to an ALL US packet posting, his Superlink repeater system links two meter repeaters into Wisconsin through Minnesota, North Dakota and North to Winnipeg, Canada.

The SuperLink system utilizes a 440 MHz backbone. East and South Superlink repeater systems are in the works now. Plans are also in the works to interconnect Superlink with the Seattle Washington based Evergreen Intertie Network shortly.

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DX

In DX, word that DL3KDV, will be traveling through the Caribbean and will be active from J6, J8 and J7 from mid-November through December 12th. Dieter will be operating on CW, SSB and RTTY on 160 through 10 meters. QSL as he suggests.

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HAM SONGS

Finally, ham radio is a hobby that seems to have something to offer everyone. Get a license and you might talk to anyone from a hollywood star to an astronaut in space, and maybe even to a king. On the air you might even run into one of the many well known country and western recording artists like Chet Atkins WA4CZD, Ronnie Milsap WB4KCG or Andrew Huddleston G3WZZ.

What was that last name and callsign you say? Andrew Huddleston G3WZZ? Never heard of him? If you haven't already,

you will.

You see, Andrew Huddleston and his wife Lissa Ladefoged are the brains and the sound behind a new album of songs written especially for and about radio amateurs. And why an album for hams? G3WZZ says it's all in keeping with the spirit of country:

"To tell you the truth because there are a couple of really funny dramatic stories which I thought were great to write a song about. The problem is in our regular gigs which we do all around Europe, Australia and New Zealand, you can't get up on stage and sing a song about CQ and about morse code and about that kind of thing. About problems with the wife because your always on the air. So we had to make a whole CD which is only for ham radio enthusiasts." Andrew Huddleston G3WZZ.

Andrew and Lissa are not newcomers to the country music scene. With seven previous albums behind them, they are popular artists worldwide. Andrew tells Newsline that he and Lissa enjoyed putting the album together. And for an encore?

"Well we have been thinking about doing a video version called Seek You, The Movie, because it is the whole CD is actually, it tells a whole story about one little amateur radio family. And it would be great to make the movie. But it depends how many people out there think the idea is interesting." G3WZZ

Well the FCC rules say that we can't play any of the album cuts on your repeater. But we can tell you that hams who have heard it say that Andrew and Lissa may have a ham radio hit on their hands.

Our favorites are the songs titled Always on the Air, On the Monday Evening Gray Line, It's Great to QSO in Morse Again and Out In To The Wild Blue Yonder. This last one is a tribute to those hardy souls who like to travel to remote places and put them on the air.

The name of the album is Seek You -- that's SEEK YOU. Kind of a play on words. Information on getting a copy can be found in the latest issues of CQ and QST magazines.

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